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For : *SPEECH SYNTHESIS USING MULTI-MODE CODING WITH A
SPEECH SEGMENT DICTIONARY (as amended)*

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
(37 CFR § 1.116)

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Sir:

This Amendment and Request for Reconsideration is submitted in response to an outstanding Office Action (FINAL REJECTION) dated November 4, 2002, the shortened statutory period for response having expired on February 4, 2003. Accordingly, a Petition and Fee for Extension of time (3 months) are included herewith.

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CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1, 4, 6-10, 12, 13, 16, 18-22 and 24 without prejudice.

Claims 14 and 25-48 were previously cancelled without prejudice. Please amend claims 2, 3, 5, 11, 15, 17 and 23 as indicated. A clean copy of the amended claims in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(i) is included herewith.

2. (Twice Amended). A speech information processing method of generating a speech segment dictionary for holding a plurality of speech segments, comprising:

a first encoding step of encoding a speech segment;